

2005-06 HONOLULU CHARTER COMMISSION
CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL FORM

1. Provide a brief description of the purpose of the proposed charter amendment; include a description of the problem the proposal would address and how the proposal would address the problem:

Under the Federal Privacy Act, social security numbers can no longer be used to verify identification except in very rare circumstances. As a result, the Charter's language requiring the Social Security number for citizen initiatives, recall or charter amendments is in conflict with federal law.

This amendment to the City Charter brings our local governing document in compliance with federal statutes.

2. If applicable, list the charter provision(s) proposed to be deleted or amended:

Article III -- Chapter 4, Section 3-401.2. Ordinances by Initiative Power

Article XII -- Chapter 1, Section 12-103, Par. 1. Recall Petition; Recall Election

Article XV -- Section 15-101(b), Par. 2. Charter Amendment or Revision

3. If the proposal is based on a provision or provisions in the charter or law of another jurisdiction, name the jurisdiction and, if possible, attach a copy of the relevant provision(s).

4. If the proposal is based on any written materials you have, please attach a copy with a citation to its source.

(attached copy of Federal Privacy Act provision)

See reverse of this form

5. Attach the text of the proposed charter amendment in Ramseyer format (see below).

Ramseyer Format:

If proposing an amendment to existing Charter provisions, indicate, by underscoring, any language being proposed to be added to the Charter and indicate, by bracketing, any language being proposed to be deleted from the Charter.

If proposing to replace existing Charter provisions in their entirety, clearly indicate the article(s), chapter(s) and/or section(s) of the Charter proposed to be deleted, and provide the text of any provisions proposed to replace the deleted material.

If proposing new Charter material only, provide the text of the new provision(s) and, if possible, indicate where in the Charter the new material should be inserted.

Amendment to Article III -- Chapter 4, Section 3-401.2. Ordinances by Initiative Power

2. Form of Petition. Each voter signing such petition shall add to the signature, the voter's printed name, resident, [social security number] and the date of signing.

Amendment to Article XII -- Chapter 1, Section 12-103, Par. 1. Recall Petition; Recall Election

The recall petition shall require each signing voter's signature, address, [social security number,] council district, and the date of signing. Signatures on a recall petition may be on separate sheets but each sheet shall have appended to it the affidavit of some person, not necessarily a signer of the petition, that to the best of the affiant's knowledge and belief the person's whose signatures appear on the sheet are duly registered voters of the city, that they signed with full knowledge of the contents of the petition, and that their residences are correctly given.

Amendment to Article XV -- Section 15-101(b), Par. 2. Charter Amendment or Revision

Such petition shall include each signing voter's signature, residence, [social security number,] and date of signing. Signatures may be on separate sheets, but each sheet shall have appended to it the affidavit of some person, not necessarily a signer of the petition, that to the best of the affiant's knowledge and belief the persons whose signatures appear on the sheet are duly registered voters of the city, that they signed with full knowledge of the contents of the petition and that their residences are correctly given.